Somers Public Library Board of Directors

December 1, 2008

Present: Tiffany Daly, Mike Gotta, Lois Lindell, Andy Phillips, Robin Provencher, Charlotte Stopaand Chairman Shirley Warner.

Absent: Dee Moak, Laurell Welliver.

Also: Library Director Francine Aloisa, 1st Selectman David Pinney

Meeting called to order by Chairman Warner at 6:30.

Motion to accept minutes by Lois Lindell, seconded by Andy Phillips passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was distributed. Expansion Fund \$31,000 + .

Correspondence from Bruce Tyler was read, thanking the Board for remembering Jane by adding a book about music to the Library.

Financial Business: Motion to pay invoices by Robin Provencher, seconded by Tiffany Daly, passed unanimously.

Year-to-date budget was reviewed.

Budget projection was tabled until David Pinney arrived at 6:45. All town departments have been examining budgets to consider reductions. No specifics are known yet but reductions in State grants is a real possibility, and all departments will be involved in that impact. We are asked now to understand the possibilities and make reductions of about 5% now.

Investment Committee: Investments are down about 20% (and perhaps more) and Tiffany Daly is discussing situation with investment committee members, informally now with recommendations if necessary to be made later.

Building Program. Good progress is being made. New oil burner is in operation, and building is warmer! Wet carpets are a problem, and temporary closings and other temporary adjustments are being considered.

Fundraising: 89 people, \$18,415 thus far. Application for State grant - bond commission has been sent. No word on other grant applications as yet.

Director's Report distributed and reviewed.

New Business: Motion by Andy Phillips, seconded by Robin Provencher and passed unanimously to donate poinsettias to staff and others as determined by the Director.

After considerable discussion about work schedules for the day after Christmas, it was moved by Robin Provencher, seconded by Andy Phillips and passed unanimously to amend the schedule to close the Children's Library on December 26, and have the main library open from 10 until 1.

Adjournment 7:40.

Charlotte Stopa Secretary pro tem